

Senate Resolution 373

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Dugan of the 30th, Miller of the 49th and Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ken Hicks; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ken Hicks began his radio career in 1979 at WMOC in Chattanooga and then
3 moved to the legendary WFLI; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Ken began singing Southern Gospel music at age 16 and continues singing to
5 this day; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he recorded ten Southern Gospel music albums; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he was inducted into the Tri State Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2010; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Ken began working at US101 (WUSY) in 1984 by hosting the Southern Gospel
9 Music Program "The Gospel Road" and still continues the program; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was nominated 15 times by the Singing News as Gospel D.J. of the Year,
11 winning the award in 1995; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the Singing News has also awarded Ken "The Golden Mic Award"; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he began the US101 Morning Show in 1995; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he received nine nominations from the C.M.A. (Country Music Association)
15 and seven nominations from the A.C.M. (Academy of Country Music) for Radio Personality
16 of the Year, winning the C.M.A. Award for Radio Personality of the Year in 2019 with his
17 morning show co-host Daniel Wyatt; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he received two C.R.B. (Country Radio Broadcasters) Awards for Radio
19 Personality of the Year in 2010 and 2019; and

20 WHEREAS, he was nominated in 2019 for induction into the Country Radio Hall of Fame;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Ken's on air personality has contributed in making US101 the number one rated
23 radio station in the market for 91 consecutive ratings periods, the most achieved by any
24 country radio station in America; and

25 WHEREAS, as part of US101, Ken has helped raise more than \$17 million for St. Jude
26 Children's Research Hospital and has helped provide Christmas presents to thousands of
27 disadvantaged children through US101's Christmas for Kids Forgotten Child Fund; and

28 WHEREAS, Ken is married to Linda, his very supportive and understanding wife of 37
29 years; and

30 WHEREAS, Ken has four children, Aaron, Grant, Justin, and Zane; three daughters-in-law,
31 Brandis, Sara, and Alissa; one granddaughter, Oakley; and one grandson, Odin.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 recognize and commend Ken Hicks for his many contributions to Georgia's culture and arts.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ken Hicks.